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## Kennedy Vs. Hoover?

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There's been a most disturbing rumor floating around the past few days—a rumor to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, J. Edgar Hoover, is about to be forced out of his job.

Need we point out who would be most pleased if this were so? Discrediting the FBI and its esteemed director has been a project at which the subversive forces have worked most diligently, but also most futilely.

The story as reported by Insider's Newsletter, is that the rumor

tion to the bureau's director is coming from another source and one capable of getting positive results. It's the new attorney general, Robert Kennedy, who is supposed to be displeased with the chief, and Bobby happens to be J. Edgar's boss. The report is that Bobby is dissatisfied with the FBI chief's manner of operation. The attorney general is supposed to feel very strongly that Hoover doesn't fit in with the New Frontier philosophy.

What possibly could this mean? If the report is true, does it mean that Bobby thinks Hoover is being too soft or too tough on criminals and subversives? A lot depends upon the answer.

Hoover has reached retirement age, although there is nothing that says he has to retire, and nobody had thought that he was about to, particularly after President Kennedy, almost as soon as he was elected, asked the bureau chief, along with Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles, to stay on and Hoover, as well as Dulles, agreed.

Just recently, Hoover and the two Kennedys were photographed at the White House, and an FBI aide denied that Hoover was about to quit. But these public shows of unity aren't enough of an answer.

Is it untrue that Bobby doesn't want the FBI director around? Is it all just unfounded rumor?

Being the boss, the attorney general should know the answer. And he should make it known.